



TALBOT COUNTY 2005 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

Farm Numbers ¹	1992	1997 ³	2002
<i>Number of Farms</i>	250	254	288
<i>Average Size (acres)</i>	436	438	367
<i>Land in Farms (acres)</i>	109,108	111,144	105,729
Livestock Inventory ¹	1992	1997 ³	2002
<i>Cattle</i>	2,367	2,226	1,408
<i>Hogs</i>	1,834	²	²
<i>Sheep</i>	521	514	276
2002 Value of Sales ¹			
<i>All Products (\$1,000)</i>			33,451
<i>Poultry & Eggs (\$1,000)</i>			16,507
<i>Grains & Oilseeds (\$1,000)</i>			12,922
<i>Milk (\$1,000)</i>			1,353
Demographic Data ¹	1992	1997 ³	2002
<i>Average Age of Operator</i>	52.4	54.7	55.6
<i>Percent Female Operators</i>	9.2	9.1	7.3
2002 Equine Census			
<i>Number of Equine Places</i>			700
<i>Equine Inventory</i>			1,930
<i>Value of Equine Inventory</i>			\$8,375,000

Crop Production Acres Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002 ¹			
<i>Corn for Grain</i>	4	<i>Soybeans</i>	4
<i>Barley</i>	9	<i>Vegetables</i>	14
<i>Forage</i>	22	<i>Wheat</i>	3

Livestock & Poultry Inventories Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002 ¹			
<i>Beef Cattle</i>	22	<i>Milk Cows</i>	13
<i>Broilers</i>	6	<i>Sheep</i>	16
<i>Hogs</i>	10		

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Crop	Year	Acreage Harvested	Yield	Total Production
<i>Corn for Grain (bushels)</i>	2003	30,800	121.0	3,726,800
	2004	29,800	154.8	4,613,800
	2005	28,600	133.4	3,814,500
<i>Corn for Silage (tons)</i>	2003	*	*	*
	2004	1,200	19.2	23,000
	2005	1,900	18.7	35,600
<i>Soybeans (bushels)</i>	2003	38,800	36.0	1,395,300
	2004	42,900	47.0	2,015,800
	2005	43,700	36.8	1,610,200
<i>Wheat (bushels)</i>	2003	13,800	35.0	483,100
	2004	13,000	61.2	795,340
	2005	12,100	62.9	760,800
<i>Hay (tons)</i>	2003	500	3.0	1,500
	2004	700	2.9	2,000
	2005	800	2.4	1,900
<i>Barley (bushels)</i>	2003	2,400	63.6	152,600
	2004	2,700	80.6	217,700
	2005	2,000	81.6	163,200

* Acreage too small to publish.

	2003	2004	2005
<i>Cropland Cash Rents (per acre)</i>	\$78.40	\$78.29	\$76.71

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